

Keenagers meet each month for lunch and an inspirational message. Trips to places of special interest are taken regularly. For those who are not physically able to attend services, a homebound ministry is provided which provides church literature on each of their monthly visits.

Under the current leadership of Dr. Michael, new ideas have been promoted including greeters for each service, prayer partners during worship services, and a worship service for children ages 4 to 6.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, in honor of this anniversary of the First Baptist Church in Clanton, let me share with you the church's invaluable vision which has been and will continue to be: "As a family of Christians, we seek to reach people for Christ, exercise Biblical faith, and practice unconditional love in accomplishing our mission for Jesus."

**SAM CASALE AND GLENN MILLER:  
GOOD MUSIC AND MEMORIES**

**HON. FRANK LoBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 1997*

Mr. LoBIONDO Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Sam Casale, a resident of Turnersville, NJ, for his involvement with the Glenn Miller Orchestra in the 1940's, and for his tireless efforts to convince the U.S. Postal Service to issue a Glenn Miller stamp.

Because of his strong advocacy over the years, Mr. Casale's dream has now been realized: the Postal Service recently issued a Glenn Miller Postage stamp as part of its series featuring American composers, musicians, and singers. What is more, Mr. Casale was given the honor of designing the second-day cancellation postmark which will be issued from the Egg Harbor Post Office, located in the Second Congressional District.

Sam Casale first heard Glenn Miller's distinctive brass and woodwind sound as a high school student. Like many others in that era, he was taken by such Miller hits as "In the Mood," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," and "Moonlight Serenade." Glenn Miller was a household name in the United States by 1939, and his band was a coast-to-coast sensation.

At age 17, Mr. Casale was able to become a part of the excitement when he was hired by the Miller Orchestra as a band boy. From that vantage point, he was able to watch Miller's artistry, professionalism, and—as Mr. Casale is quick to point out—Miller's good moral judgment.

Mr. Casale's big moment with the orchestra came in Atlantic City, minutes before a live radio performance. Miller, who was running late, had not yet shown up at the bandstand. With the broadcast about to go on the air, band members asked Casale, himself a clarinet player, to start the orchestra. With a swing of his arm, the band started their first number; at that moment, Miller walked on stage, greeting young Mr. Casale with a smile and an "OK" sign as he took control of his band.

Glenn Miller, of course, went on to join the Army Air Corps in World War II and aided the Allied war effort as a morale-building band leader. Although Miller died in the service of his country in 1944, Sam Casale's efforts in preserving his memory will ensure that our

generation will never forget Glenn Miller's contribution to American music.

**INTRODUCTION OF CHARITY IRA'S**

**HON. BARBARA B. KENNELLY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 1997*

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, today, Mr. CRANE, Ms. DANNER, Mrs. EMERSON, Mrs. THURMAN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. YATES, and I are introducing legislation to allow charitable contributions from Individual Retirement Accounts. Our charitable IRA rollover proposal would allow individuals who have reached age 59½ to donate IRA assets to a charity without incurring income tax.

You may have heard from charities in your district recently that they are often approached by individuals who have accumulated large IRA's and wish to make a charitable donation but are effectively precluded from doing so by the unique tax laws that apply to IRA's. We want to change this.

Our legislation would allow an individual to donate his/her IRA to charity without incurring any income tax consequences. The IRA would be donated to the charity without ever taking it into income and paying tax on it. Similarly, because current law IRA's represent previously untaxed income, there would be no charitable deduction. IRA rollovers to qualifying charitable deferred gifts would receive similar treatment.

This minor change in tax law could provide a valuable new source of philanthropy for our Nation's charities. I would urge my colleagues to cosponsor.

**A TRIBUTE TO M.B. "DUKE"  
RUDMAN**

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

**HON. JIM TURNER**

OF TEXAS

**HON. MAX SANDLIN**

OF TEXAS

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 1997*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I rise today to call the attention of our colleagues to the remarkable life of an east Texas oil pioneer and philanthropist who was recently honored as one of 50 worldwide recipients of the State of Israel's 50th Anniversary Award.

Mr. M.B. "Duke" Rudman was born 87 years ago in Bonham, TX, and while drilling thousands of wildcat oil wells from North Dakota to Texas and from California to Florida during 60 years in the oil business, he also gained quite a reputation for his devotion to health and fitness and his work as a motivational speaker.

But none of his lifetime accomplishments have proven as rewarding as his civic and philanthropic activities. He has said many

times that he wants to be remembered more for what he has done for others, not for anything he has done for himself.

He is 1 of 50 persons worldwide to receive the 50th Anniversary Award for his lifetime of extraordinary efforts on behalf of the State of Israel. He will take part in a November 22 gala at the United Nations in New York to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the November 1947 U.N. vote that partitioned the land of Israel.

Last Sunday was M.B. "Duke" Rudman Day in Tyler and Smith County, TX. Many of his east Texas friends and neighbors gathered in Tyler to recognize his contributions to Israel and to his native Texas. They made it clear that Israel's progress as a nation and a democracy could not have happened without people like Duke Rudman. He has helped fund student educations and purchased a fleet of 83 ambulances for that nation's emergency personnel in addition to a host of other philanthropic endeavors.

Mr. Rudman is well known throughout east Texas for his association with the oil industry. He attended Kemper Military Academy and the University of Oklahoma. He moved to east Texas in 1931 during the oil boom and relocated to Dallas in 1942. Wherever he has gone, he has endeavored to help communities prosper. Recently, he donated land to the city of Tyler for a public park.

Those of us who know Duke Rudman are gratified that he is finally receiving the praise and recognition that he has forever shunned. He says he gets more pleasure from helping others than do those he has helped.

East Texas. American patriot. Friend of Israel. Duke Rudman's goodwill toward his fellow man throughout his lifetime reflects his generosity and his love for the human race. We are proud to know him and to call him our friend.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 5, 1997*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, another day has gone by and still no campaign finance reform.

While most are looking at yesterday's election results in terms of who won and who lost, I read a more interesting, and troubling result from those elections. In the race for Virginia Governor we saw two very capable candidates, the highest level of spending in Virginia history, a fairly clean campaign and still voter turnout that was the lowest in many years. We have to ask ourselves, why are voters increasingly turned off by the election process? In races where you have an especially negative race it is easy to understand why voters are not going to the polls. But in this case it was a clean race, the race included a meaningful discussion of real issues and each party spent millions of dollars trying to get their message to the voters. There must be another answer.

I believe it is clear that the voters have grown frustrated with the current big money political system. The public believes that Government is for sale to the highest bidder, and their vote doesn't matter. It is our responsibility to restore the faith of the public in our democratic system.